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HONGKONG, JANUARY 4TH, 1909.

BRITISH trade and commerce, in common with that of nearly every manufacturing country, has suffered during the past twelve months to an extent which may be said to be unprecedented. To the United Kingdom being practically a free-trade country must be ascribed the fact that the national revenue has not been affected to a corresponding extent. But severe economic depression naturally tells upon the sources of revenue, whatever they may be. The financial year in the United Kingdom ends on the 31st March, and REVENUE informs us that for the nine months of the year that have elapsed the revenue has fallen off by five million pounds sterling. That gives a monthly average of about £550,000, so that if this rate of decline continues the returns for the twelve months will show a loss of not less than seven millions sterling. When we bear in mind the fact that the total revenue of the United Kingdom for 1907-8 was estimated at £142,457,000 the decline in itself, though sufficiently serious, does not appear very alarming. The national income is derived mainly from excise, Customs, property and income tax, estate duty and the Post Office. In the absence of particulars we may safely assume that the decline has been mainly under the headings of property and income tax and customs. Down to the end of November the foreign trade of the United Kingdom for eleven months had shown a fall-

ing off to the enormous extent of ninety-nine millions sterling—a reduction in the imports equal to 9.07 per cent and in the exports to 11.60 per cent for the eleven months of the year. The articles contributing to the Customs revenue, however, are few, the chief being tobacco and snuff, sugar &c., tea, wine, and exported coal, but these are all of them articles for which there is likely to be a diminished demand in times of economic depression. An abstract of the import and export returns for those eleven months shows, for instance, that there has been a decline of £1,222,597 under the heading of "Other food and drink" which does not include grain and flour or meat but covers all the articles paying import duty. Tobacco, it is interesting to note, is one of the few items in the statement showing an increase. Besides this item, ships, grain and flour, and textile materials (other than wool and cotton) are the only items in the whole summary which do not exhibit a decline when compared with the returns for the corresponding period of 1907. The shrinkage in the exports has been almost general, the chief decline being in manufactured articles, which fall below the previous year's returns to the extent of £41,805,186. The returns for the last month of the year, we fear, are not likely to show any material improvement in this respect, for in the month of November alone there was a decline of £4,740,222 in the import of raw materials, of which cotton accounts for £2,528,319, this being doubtless attributable to the recent labour dispute in the cotton trade. For the same month the import of wool was more than half a million sterling below the figures for November 1907, and other textile materials were less by over two hundred thousand pounds. The month of November showed a reduction in the export of manufactured articles amounting to £5,623,502, of which £3,283,446 appears under the heading of cotton fabrics, and £2,340,056 under woollen fabrics. The greatly restricted import of raw material will naturally affect the export returns of December, so that it is fairly safe to conclude that the decline in the country's foreign trade for the whole year will not be less than £110,000,000 or about 10 per cent. There is no difficulty in realising that this great slump in the trade of the country has materially diminished the national revenue from the property and income tax, as well as from customs, and the present Government has made matters worse by its Old Age Pensions and other measures which commit the country to increased expenditure. The returns from Excise also have probably declined in view of the Government's confiscatory proposals in the now defunct Licensing Bill. In all probability the deficit to be faced when the Chancellor of the Exchequer comes to balance accounts at the end of the financial year will far exceed the amount of the decline in the revenue.

The King's exequatur empowering Mr. L. C. Herrera to be Consul-General for Panama at Hongkong has received his Majesty's signature. Receipts into the Treasury from January 1st to 31st October, 1908, totalled \$16,297,846.87, while payments out amounted to \$16,503,835.88. The excess of payments over receipts is therefore \$205,989.01.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognise Mr. W. Kien as being in charge of the Consulate General of the Netherlands-India in Hongkong during the absence on leave of Dr. A. van de Sande Bakhuizen.

The Colonial Treasurer's statement of the assets and liabilities of the Colony on October 31st shows a balance of assets over liabilities of \$1,130,530.51. The total assets are \$4,343,427.31 and the total liabilities \$3,212,896.78.

His Excellency the Governor-in-Council has been pleased to appoint, under Section 6 of Ordinance No. 15 of 1908, the Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson, and Messrs E. D'Aguiro, E. H. Crofton, S. B. C. Ross, and F. W. Clark to be directors of the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions.

Mr. John M. Darrah, the American Postal Agent at Shanghai, was on Christmas Eve the recipient of a handsome silver cigar cabinet which was presented to him as a token of appreciation by a large number of the leading American merchants of Shanghai as a mark of their appreciation of the excellent work done by him as the American postal agent.

Shanghai papers record the death of Captain J. D. C. Arthur, a very popular member of the Shanghai Licensed Pilots' Association, who was also well known along the China, Australian and New Zealand coasts, where he traded for many years while in command of one of the Eastern and Australian Co.'s liners and one of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's steamers.

In connection with the letter which appeared in our columns on the 1st inst. with reference to the suffering caused to chickens as they are conveyed by house coolies from the market, we are asked to mention that light and suitable baskets for the transit of chickens are obtainable from Kwong Tai Loy, 16 Queen's Road Central (opposite the Hongkong Hotel), at twenty cents each.

New Year's Day was the occasion of a reception by the Japanese Consul.

Hongkong joins in the universal week of prayer, the meetings beginning to-day and continuing till Saturday.

The captain and officers of the U.S.S. *Helena* were at home on New Year's Day to a large number of American residents.

The directors of the Eastern Extension, Australasia, and China Telegraph Company, have declared an interim dividend for the quarter ended September 30 last at 2s. 6d. per share, free of income-tax, payable on the 15th prox.

Mr. Heinrich Heiland lectured to a good audience at the German Club last night on Motoring and Hunting. Mr. Heinrich, who spoke in English, gave an interesting account of his travels. As he is an elephant hunter of no mean reputation and has taken his motor through some of the wildest places on the earth he had many adventures to relate. Illustrations added to the value of the lecture.

Sweden, the *Times* Peking correspondent states, will not ratify the treaty of friendship and commerce with China signed in Peking on July 2, on the ground that the text as signed diverges too widely from the Swedish draft first presented for negotiation. As announced at the time, the terms of the treaty were more favourable to China than the stipulations of previous treaties, especially in emphasizing the reciprocal nature of the agreement and the equality of the two high contracting parties.

Sir Henry Blake was presented at the London Chamber of Commerce, last month, with a large heavy silver waiter, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G., by a number of those interested, in recognition of his valuable services as president of the First International Rubber Exhibition held in London, Olympia, in September 1908." Sir Henry, on behalf of Lady Blake, also accepted a silver jewel casket. Sir Henry Blake, in returning thanks, said he was glad to hear that the exhibition would not be a dead one, and speaking as a rubber grower he felt sure it had been very useful. The exhibition had, he thought, laid the bogey of over-production, and knocked the bottom out of synthetic rubber. When he had spoken of paying the streets with rubber, he was speaking on the authority of a large manufacturer, who had assured him that with rubber at 2s. 6d. per lb. they could favourably compete with the quarry. He left them to judge of that time when, whether due to scrap rubber or some of the compounds which Northern Nigeria was producing, the brain-jarring noise would cease to exist and London would have needless and noiseless streets.

M. de Lanessan, the ex-Governor-General of Indo-China, whose authority on all matters concerning the Far East is recognized both in France and abroad, gives in the *Siecle* his opinion on the agreement just signed between the United States and Japan. He appears to be chiefly struck by the fact that China is now at last protected to a large extent against the grasping tendencies of the Powers. She has only to reorganize her finances so to procure the necessary resources for the maintenance of the powerful army which she can easily raise in order to become completely secure against Western aggression. As for Japan herself, her Agreements with the Western Powers place her in an excellent position before the world. In the first place, they show that she is a sincere friend of peace, since she renounces all ambition to encroach upon the territories or colonies of her neighbours. Secondly, they make it possible for her to develop her industries, her commerce, and her mercantile marine, since "within merely the limits of the Far Eastern seas she has at hand some hundreds of millions of consumers whose economic development has only just begun." M. de Lanessan refers not merely to Korea and Manchuria, but to the immense population of China. He concludes thus:—"This intelligent and wise policy shows in a striking manner the baseness of the opinion of those Europeans who, in their ignorance of the character of the peoples of the Far East, regarded Japan, after her victory over Russia, as a danger to the peace of the world. It likewise illustrates the seriousness of the mistake committed by the Russian Government and certain of its advisers in launching Russia upon the futile naval war which has made Japan one of the great military and naval Powers of the world, one of those with whom a country is glad to come to terms because they are strong and can give guarantees of fidelity to the friendships of alliances."

NEW YEAR MEETING.

A New Year meeting, held under the auspices of the Hongkong Christian Union, took place at the Theatre Royal last night. There was a good attendance. Rev. T. W. Pearce presided and there were also present His Lordship the Bishop of Victoria, Revs. J. H. Hickling, J. A. Baker, E. J. Barnett, Thornhill, A. D. Stewart and F. J. Johnson. After devotional exercises the Victoria Quartette rendered "Remember me oh mighty One." Bishop Lander at the outset of his remarks referred to the growing desire for the union of Christendom, and then went on to discourse upon the fundamental truths of Christianity, taking the question "What shall I do with Jesus" as his text. The Victoria Quartette sang "Pass me not oh gentle Saviour," and Mr. White presided at the piano and led the praise.

THE NOBEL PRIZES.

The Nobel Prize Committee have decided to award the prizes this year as follows:—Literature—Professor Ernest Rutherford, of Manchester University.

Physics—Professor Gabriel Lippmann, Paris. Medicine—Prize divided between Professor Metchnikoff, of Paris, and Professor Paul Ehrlich, of Frankfurt-on-Main. Literature—Professor Rudolf Eucken, of Jena.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE GREAT CALAMITY IN ITALY.

LONDON, January 1st.

It is reported that Lipari Island, the principal island of the group of that name, has disappeared, involving the loss of 300,000 inhabitants. Stromboli and Vulcano are both exhibiting signs of activity.

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WORLD-WIDE GENEROSITY.

LONDON, January 1st.

King Edward has subscribed 500 guineas to the Mansion House Fund being raised to alleviate the distress in Italy, and the Queen and Prince of Wales have each contributed £250. The French Government has opened a national subscription, to which President Fallieres has contributed £1,000 and the Bank of France £4,000.

The Canadian Government has granted the sum of \$100,000.

Millions of dollars are being raised in the United States and President Roosevelt is asking Congress for a liberal appropriation.

British warships are conveying immense quantities of food, blankets, tents, etc., from Malta, while America is sending a shipload of navy rations.

UNEARTHING THE VICTIMS.

LONDON, January 2nd.

The roll of victims in the recent catastrophe appears to be growing. It is raining incessantly and the stench from the unburied becomes hourly worse.

The soldiers are unflagging in their zeal in unearthing the victims, and bread and water are being widely distributed.

The supply of water, however, is limited owing to the destruction of the aqueducts.

The Argentine Government has voted the sum of £8,800 towards the relief of the sufferers.

RELIEF MEASURES.

HEROISM OF BRITISH AND RUSSIAN BLUEJACKETS.

LONDON, January 2nd.

The Italian warships have now organised relief measures, and stores are being conveyed by the warships to points along the coast.

These measures, however, are still quite inadequate.

It is realized that it is necessary to deport all survivors.

The Italian papers are full of praise for the heroism shown by the British and Russian bluejackets.

THE DECLINE IN BRITISH REVENUE.

LONDON, January 1st.

The revenue for the past quarter shows a decrease of £610,821, and for the past nine months there has been a falling off of five millions sterling.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

LONDON, January 2nd.

The first payments under the Old Age Pensions Act were made yesterday.

There was a great rush of applicants, but not so great as had been anticipated.

The Post Office organisation was perfect and quite equal to the occasion.

NAVAL PROMOTIONS.

LONDON, January 2nd.

Vice-Admiral Sir A. G. Curzon-Howe, K.C.B., who was second in

command of the China Squadron 1903-5, has been promoted to the rank of Admiral.

Rear-Admiral F. W. Egerton has been promoted to the rank of Vice-Admiral.

THE AUSTRALIAN CRICKET TEAM.

LONDON, January 2nd.

The Australian Board of Control has cabled that the Marylebone programme has been accepted and that the team will leave for England on March 17th.

THE S.S. "FATSHAN" BOYCOTTED.

HOSTILE DEMONSTRATION AT CANTON.

The long-expected crisis was reached on New Year's Day. Placards had done their work and by 11 a.m. crowds were gathering in the neighbourhood of the Canton-Macao Steamship Company's Wharf.

At the last meeting held on the 31st December, presided over by Kong Sew Chew, the anti-foreign agitator of Ho Nam who has prominently identified himself with the whole movement since its inception, many hostile speeches were made, and it was decided to take "firm action" against those who dared to patronise the *Fatshan*.

The Police officers, who attended every one of these meetings, never interfered.

The crowds gradually increased and by 1.30 p.m. the mob became riotous and started to pelt stones at the passengers who were going on board.

Captain Lloyd found it prudent to leave the wharf and made for the middle of the stream near the British gunboats. Meanwhile the British Consul was communicated with and a company of bluejackets having boarded the *Fatshan*, the steamer made her way back to the wharf and no further incident occurred.

The Chinese Authorities meanwhile were also requested to maintain order, and a body of braves were detailed for duty at the wharf. They did not, however, even attempt to disperse the crowd which remained till the *Fatshan* left for Hongkong. The steamer left with hardly any Chinese passengers.

None of the placards were removed till late at night. The incident is by no means closed, and there will be further developments unless the Viceroy takes prompt action in the matter.

On Saturday the Viceroy had placards posted up all over the city counselling the people to refrain from demonstrations against the British ship. It is pointed out in the placard that the allegation (of fatally kicking a Chinese passenger) was not against a British subject, but against a Portuguese.

The British cruiser *Alacrity* and the torpedo boat *Fame* and *Handy* are at Canton in addition to the small gunboats usually stationed on the river.

All was quiet on Saturday and the Canton-Macao Steamboat Co.'s steamer *Honan* left in the evening with a full cargo and the usual crowd of Chinese passengers.

HEALTH OF THE KAISER.

CANARDS REFUTED.

A report in a Dresden paper that the Emperor was suffering from "religious melancholy" has been met by the following semi-official statement:—"The state of the Emperor's health affords cause for no sort of anxiety. On the contrary, the Emperor has completely recovered from his recent indisposition, which was the effect of a chill, and now takes walks or rides daily. It is untrue that the Emperor is obliged to spend hours of the day in bed, and it is also incorrect that an unusually strong religious inclination has made itself noticeable. The Emperor is well and in good spirits."

His Majesty this morning received Prince Bulow in a lengthy audience at the Neues Palais, Potsdam. It was the first time the Sovereign had conferred with the Chancellor since November 17.

RUSSIA'S FAR EASTERN TERRITORIES.

PROTECTION OF INDUSTRIES.

The Duma discussed on the 9th ult. the Government Bill for the abolition of free importation in the Far East with the exception of the region north of the Amur. The arguments advanced by the supporters of the Bill are that, in view of the construction of the Amur Railway and the wave of colonisation which is finding its way to the Far East it is necessary, in the interests of the Empire, to protect the young industries which must inevitably arise in those regions. It is further urged that such a measure is desirable in the interests of Russian colonisation, since the free importation of foreign goods is certain to lead to the settlement in the country of a large number of foreigners.

The opponents of the Bill, who include the Siberian Deputies and practically the whole Opposition, reply that the moment for the abolition of free importation is ill chosen, as in the early stages of colonisation the colonists most urgently need cheap products. They urge that the establishment of a Customs line be deferred until the railway has actually been constructed and the colonists are on their feet.

One Siberian Deputy declared, and the statement was not contradicted by M. Shipoff, the Minister of Commerce, who spoke to-day, that the Bill was the outcome of consultations between the Government and a group of Moscow merchants who desired by this means to secure control of the market in Eastern Siberia.

It is certain that the Bill will be carried by a large majority. The country chiefly affected by its adoption will be Germany which last year exported to Eastern Siberia £2,000,000 worth of goods, while Japan exported £800,000 worth, China £600,000, the United States £200,000, and England only £60,000, as against £150,000 in the preceding year.

FANCY DRESS BALL AT KINGSCLORE.

Stately Kingsclere never looked more imposing or grandiose than it did on New Year's Eve when its magnificent proportions were illuminated in floods of light or dimly outlined in the evening shade. Outside the scene was impressive, but inside was one of surpassing brilliance. Most elaborate preparations had been made for the fancy dress ball, with which the guests and their friends decided to welcome the New Year, and not the least important of these was the scheme of decoration which was effectively introduced. With its noble proportions and handsome appointments, the interior of Kingsclere always looks beautiful, and to attempt to improve it seems like trying to "gild the lily or paint the rose," but those who undertook the task of giving the interior an appearance befitting the joyous occasion were guided by an excellent taste and artistic perception which enabled them to make the embellishment a distinguished success.

The great hallways were appropriately adorned with festoons of greenery, but the greatest effect was noticeable in the dining room, which was converted for the nonce into a beautiful dancing hall, while the drawing room was utilised as a supper room. When dancing was commenced to the music supplied by the Calcutta String Band, the company must have numbered close on 300, but the adequate arrangements made by the committee and Mrs. Sachse were such as to minister very materially to the pleasure and comfort of all. A large number of the dancers wore fancy dresses, and when dancing was at its height the scene presented rare colour effects. The programme consisted of sixteen dances and this was gone through with manifest enjoyment. The ball was one of the most successful held in Kingsclere. Mr. Beverington was the secretary of the committee which made the necessary arrangements, and, needless to say, Mrs. Sachse herself contributed largely to make the evening so agreeable as it was.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S PRIVATE SECRETARY.

While the many friends he has made during his sojourn in Hongkong will rejoice to hear the news of the appointment of Mr. A. J. Brackenbury as Assistant Resident of Nyasaland, they will regret his departure from our island. During his stay in Hongkong Mr. Brackenbury, by his courtesy, has earned the respect of all classes of the community, and this announcement of his impending departure will be read with regret. However, we feel sure the public will cordially join with us in extending to Mr. Brackenbury best wishes for his welfare and success in his new sphere of labour. Mr. Brackenbury leaves the Colony by the P. and O. s.s. *Delhi* on the 23rd January.

"THE GEISHA."

The Portuguese Lilliputians gave their opening production of "The Geisha" at the Club Lusitano on Saturday night before an appreciative audience who loudly applauded the tiny artists for their excellent performance. The two scenes representing "The Tea House of Ten Thousand Toys" and "A Chrysanthemum Fête in the Palace Gardens" were excellently arranged and the costumes worn by the performers were tasteful and appropriate.

The leading characters of Mimosa San, Juliette Diamant, Lady Constance Wyke, Mollie Seamer, were interpreted with pleasing effect by Misses Camilla Castro, Evoline Lopes, Maria Rozario and Elfrida Omond, and the parts of Reginald Fairfax, the Marquis Imari, Wu Hi, and Tom Stanley were admirably portrayed by Masters Rodolpho Baptista, Fern. Remedios, Henrique Lopes, and David Castro. The remaining characters were well filled and performed with acceptance. The solos throughout were particularly fine and the duets, choruses and dances were all that could be desired.

A NEW BARONET.

The senior partner of Messrs E. D. Sassoon and Company, is among the recipients of New Year honours. Mr. Jacob Sassoon having received a baronetcy, and congratulations have been addressed to Sir Jacob from all sources. It is interesting to remember that the new baronet was thirty years ago the representative in Hongkong of the firm which his father founded, and recently Sir Jacob gave a donation of ten lakhs of rupees for the establishment of the Central Institute of Science in Bombay, with the growth of which city the Sassoon family has long been identified.

ARMED ROBBERY IN THE CITY.

A daring robbery was reported to the police as having occurred at 235, Queen's Road Central, early on New Year's morning. Five men, armed with knives, gained access to this shop and terrorised the inmates living on the ground floor. Taken by surprise the residents could offer no resistance, and submitted quietly to being bound and gagged. The robbers then set to work to collect valuables. The noise they made, however, alarmed the people on the floor above. A police whistle was blown and the robbers decamped. A suspect was arrested shortly afterwards by Chief Detective Inspector Hanson, and three more men have been arrested and charged.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS

The P. & O. s.s. *Delhi* left Singapore for this port on the 1st instant at 6 p.m., with the outward English Mails, and is due here on the 6th instant at about 5 p.m.
The H.-A. Linie s.s. *Den of Ogdil* left Shanghai on 2nd inst. a.m., and may be expected here on 6th inst. at daylight.
The J.-C.-J. Linie s.s. *Tyjnachi* left Makassar for this port on the 3rd inst. at 6 a.m., may be expected here on or about the 11th inst., and will sail for Amoy and Shanghai on 16th inst.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

Like other mortals, I have to recognise the advent of 1909, and I should be deemed churlish or unsocial to let me hasten to wish you all the compliments of the season. I won't bore you with any dissertations on the past or prognostications of the future, but I hope your mental stock-taking has not shown too many entries on the wrong side of the recording angel's diary and that you will keep all the good resolutions you make.

Certainly Hongkong brought in the New Year right royally. Crackers and bombs and rockets greeted the infant 1909 with an enthusiasm more marked than that which greeted its immediate predecessors, and of course, the Scotsmen who went forth first footing did not go empty handed. It is to be hoped they brought good luck to all whom they visited.

Apologies for assisting at the birth of the New Year, the minister of Union Church yesterday related an incident which may be amusing, or otherwise, according to the point of view. The watch-night service on New Year's Eve had just concluded and the pastor went down from the pulpit to exchange greetings with members of the congregation. Going up to one stranger he held out his hand and was surprised to find it touch a whisky bottle which the man was endeavouring to conceal. Evidently his ideas as to bringing in the new year were a bit confused.

I suppose most people here have been struck by the number of new years that are celebrated in this part of the world. The Jews have their New Year about September, and not long afterwards the Parsees celebrate theirs. Then we have our own Xmas, which in itself marks the dawn of a new era, followed by our own New Year. The Mohammedans are the next to celebrate, and, of course, we all know when Chinese New Year falls. We should be a festive community with all these celebrations to honour.

Another amateur dramatic performance claims our attention and patronage. The Kowloon Dook Amateurs produce "The Silver King" next Saturday and Monday, and, if they do as well as they did with "Rob Roy" they will earn hearty congratulations. I am told that the play will be better mounted than it was when the professionals played it three weeks ago. Good luck to them!

Here's a hint for some of our business concerns. A correspondent writing to a northern journal says:—"It has never perhaps struck local stores to dress up their shelves 'swell' so as to facilitate the collection of their outstanding accounts. On Tuesday I received the visit of an exquisitely dressed native. He was garbed in a magnificent robe of blue silk brocade, with a skirt to match. He was smoking a fragrant Egyptian cigarette, held in a delicate amber mouthpiece. His general 'long-tong' appearance was overpowering, and I could not resist offering him the best seat available. When he was seated, I asked him what gave me the pleasure of his visit. He replied: "My long Loyal Hotel bar boy, I come catchee chits." I paid him the \$2.00 in silence; he had been dressed in the usual 'boy' clothes I would have told him 'Come next month, number five day.' The conclusion to be drawn from this is that money spent on the shelves' outfit might be a good investment. Instead of 'small profits and quick returns' the motto might be 'smartly dressed shroffs, no bad debts.'

China is not so far behind as some people would think. Feminism is, as we know, very acute at home, so its outbreaks are occasionally somewhat painful. Whether China has a Suffragette problem I know not, but feminism has, according to a Paris journal, developed to an extraordinary degree, and in most large centres there is a newspaper run by women. But I did not know until a day or two ago that China was blessed with a Lady Journalist. But I learn from the Source indicated that China has crowds of 'em. In Peking, it is stated, "nine journals are edited, printed, and sold by women. Canton produces four newspapers in a like manner, Shanghai six, and Foochow three." I suppose if China had a constitution it would be able to furnish spectacles of women entering the sacred precincts of the House of Parliament and demanding their rights or attacking Cabinet ministers with virulent tongues.

The innocent young man was scanning the newspaper and as a certain piece of news arrested his attention he said "Why, here's a couple in America seeking for divorce on the eve of their golden wedding." "Better late than never" growled one of his companions, a married man, and the company looked sympathetic.

Dear me! What a shock, and just after Christmas too, with its mistletoe privileges. Fancy reading this: "The number of diseases which kissing causes is unbelievable to one who has not studied the question," asserts a Philadelphia physician. "During the interval of the kiss, one may imagine the various germs rushing back and forth with unholy glee." This is indeed a fearsome picture, yet one may ask what harm the germs do while rushing. That is, of course, among ordinarily healthy persons. At any rate, as between a world without kisses and one with, the choice will probably continue to lie with the kisses. But all the same, I am worried. Will the Sanitary Board attempt to interfere in our Christmas Eve festivities?

What a future lies before our surgeons! By a simple operation on the skull removing pressure on the brain, a man, forty-eight years of age, was changed from a drunkard and a thief to the most industrious citizen. Of course it happened in America. If surgeons can work such marvels, we may anticipate their doing more than mere preachers in talking about the millennium.

ROSEBICK RANDOLPH.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. V. UNITED SERVICES.
The two days' match between teams representing the Hongkong Cricket Club and the United Services was concluded on the ground of the H.K.C.C. on Saturday, and ended in a win for the H.K.C.C. team by 71 runs. The United Services eleven batted first and compiled a total score of 322. Lieut. Bagnall recorded the excellent score of 109 before he was caught by Claxton from one of Turner's deliveries. The useful score of 66 was registered by Lieut. Anderson, while Lieut. Haughton compiled 63 before he was dismissed. In the second innings Captain Beasley, not out, had 44 runs to his credit, while Lieut. Anderson's score stood at 34. The innings was closed when four wickets had fallen and the total stood at 132. In the first innings R. Hancock and Bird took four wickets apiece, while in the second three of the Service wickets fell to Stevens for a total of 37 runs. The Hongkong eleven, in their first innings, registered a total of 182, 'Turner' contributing 50 and Lanning 41. The second innings was declared when the total stood at 343 and there were three wickets to fall. R. Hancock contributed the handsome score of 177 while Pearce had 119 to his credit. In the first, innings five of the Hongkong wickets fell to Captain Baird for a total of 73, and four to Captain Garrett for a total of 69. In the second innings Captain Baird scattered the wickets of another three batsmen, three more being dismissed by Lieut. Liepmann for a total of 90 runs. Scores and analyses follow—

UNITED SERVICES—1st innings.				
Capt. Baird, c. Fowler, b. Stevens	15			
Capt. Beasley, b. Bird	44			
Lt. Haughton, c. sub, b. R. Hancock	63			
Lt. Green, c. Claxton, b. Bird	10			
Lt. Anderson, c. R. Hancock, b. Bird	66			
Capt. Garrett, c. Bird, b. Hancock	3			
Mr. Oliver, b. R. Hancock	8			
Lt. Bagnall, c. Claxton, b. Turner	109			
Capt. Murray, c. R. Hancock, b. Bird	14			
Lt. James, b. Hancock	14			
Lt. Liepmann, not out	3			
Extras	17			

Total—322				
BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
R. E. O. Bird	7	1	123	4
F. H. H. Stevens	8	2	27	1
R. Hancock	17	3	117	4
T. B. Pearce	1	1	1	1
W. D. Turner	7.4	1	36	1

H.K.C.C.—1st innings.				
A. E. Lanning, c. Green, b. Garrett	41			
A. A. Claxton, c. sub, b. Bird	50			
W. D. Turner, c. sub, b. Bird	10			
R. Hancock, b. Baird	10			
E. A. Fowler, c. Green, b. Garrett	10			
H. Hancock, c. Garrett, b. Baird	27			
Lt. Bagnall, c. Oliver, b. Garrett	10			
A. O. Lang, c. Baird	10			
T. E. Pearce, b. Bagnall	23			
R. E. O. Bird, not out	20			
F. H. H. Stevens, b. Garrett	20			
Extras	4			

Total—182				
BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
Capt. Baird	17	4	73	5
Capt. Garrett	10.4	3	49	4
Lt. Bagnall	5	1	17	1
Lt. Anderson	3	1	19	1

UNITED SERVICES—2nd innings.				
Lt. Green, b. Stevens	22			
Capt. Beasley, not out	44			
Lt. Haughton, b. Stevens	6			
Mr. Oliver, b. Stevens	8			
Lt. Anderson, c. Claxton, b. Turner	34			
Lt. Bagnall, not out	11			
Capt. Garrett, c. Bagnall, b. James	11			
Capt. Murray, c. Liepmann, did not bat				
Extras	10			

Total—183				
BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
R. E. O. Bird	7	1	123	4
F. H. H. Stevens	8	2	27	1
R. Hancock	17	3	117	4
T. B. Pearce	1	1	1	1
W. D. Turner	7.4	1	36	1

H.K.C.C.—2nd innings.				
L. E. Pearce, b. Liepmann	119			
A. E. Lanning, b. Baird	23			
R. Hancock, c. Baird, b. Bagnall	177			
H. Hancock, c. Garrett, b. Baird	1			
W. D. Turner, c. Baird, b. Bagnall	1			
A. A. Claxton, c. Bagnall, b. Liepmann	6			
E. A. Fowler, b. Liepmann	6			
A. P. Dushwood, not out	8			
R. E. O. Bird, not out	8			
A. O. Lang and F. H. H. Stevens, did not bat				
Extras	8			

Total—343				
BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
Capt. Baird	24	4	84	3
Capt. Garrett	20	1	88	1
Lt. Bagnall	6	1	33	1
Lt. Anderson	9	1	33	1
Lt. Liepmann	17	1	90	3

KOWLOON 2ND XI V. CIVIL SERVICE 2ND XI.
This match ended in a win for the Kowloonites by 37 runs. The scores were as follows—

CIVIL SERVICE II.				
Dawson, b. Libband	5			
Thornhill, b. Libband	11			
Beach, c. Jeffries, b. Libband	8			
McKay, c. Somerville, b. Libband	8			
Sutton, c. Jones, b. Libband	1			
File, c. Lamb, b. Somerville	7			
Davey, b. Libband	7			
Phillips, b. Libband	2			
Beach, b. Somerville	7			
Coombs, b. Libband	3			
Taylor, not out	8			
Extras	8			

Total—62				
KOWLOON II.				
Mackenzie, b. Beach	4			
Somerville, c. Dawson, b. Taylor	12			
Lamb, c. and b. Beach	8			
Day, b. Mackay	42			
Jeffries, c. Phillips, b. Taylor	6			
Libband, b. Taylor	7			
Jones, b. Mackay	7			
Lee, c. Phil, b. Mackay	—			
Dowdall, b. Taylor	8			
Spittles, not out	3			
Capt. Park, b. Mackay	4			
Extras	4			

Total—89				
PARSEES V. LUSITANO.				
A. Ribeiro, b. Tyler	2			
G. Silva, c. Vapiwala, b. Bail	3			
E. Carvalho, c. Bejorjee, b. Tyler	2			
A. Carvalho, b. Baidwala	8			
H. Sengra, b. Baidwala	4			
C. V. Ribeiro, b. Tyler	2			
F. Hyndman, b. Tyler	3			
P. Yanovich, b. Tyler	3			
A. Abbas, b. Baidwala	0			
H. Sengra, b. Baidwala	0			
J. Ribeiro, not out	0			
Extras	8			

Total—43				
BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
R. Tyler	0	2	18	5
J. Ribeiro	4	2	18	1

PARSEES.				
J. Bejorjee, b. Lopes	11			
J. P. Bejorjee, b. Abbas	27			
J. P. Noria, c. and b. Bejorjee	0			
E. Bejorjee, b. Abbas	0			
J. A. Chinnay, b. Abbas	14			
G. Hoggarth, not out	3			
S. Tyler, b. Abbas	3			
S. Baidwala, b. Baidwala	0			
S. Baidwala, did not bat	—			
Extras	8			

Total (Six wickets)—8				
BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
A. Abbas	10	0	39	4
C. Lopes	3	0	25	1
J. Ribeiro	4	1	9	1

CHAIKONG V. DIOCESAN SCHOOLS.
An interesting match was played between the above teams on the former Club's ground on Saturday, and resulted in a draw. The school team was ably assisted by Edwards of the Police, who carried his bat for 108 runs. The fine fielding of the Diocesan boys kept the runs down considerably. For Chai Kong, Mauderson contributed a useful 28 and Osman 21. The following are the scores and analyses—

DIOCESAN SCHOOL.				
G. E. Lacey, b. Pestonji	3			
A. O. Brown, b. Mauderson	28			
Mr. Edwards, not out	108			
J. Whitfield, c. Noria, b. Mauderson	12			
W. Vireaux, c. Lacey, b. Osman	4			
A. Jenkins, b. Pestonji	3			
W. Hall, c. and b. Osman	4			
E. Knight, c. Asger, b. Noria	4			
E. White, not out	2			
E. Lacey and J. Yow, did not bat	—			
Extras	11			

Total—170				
BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
Pestonji	9	1	42	2
Lamont	3	2	21	1
Mauderson	5	—	43	3
Osman	7	1	24	2
Noria	3	1	14	1
Baidwala	1	—	15	—

CHAIKONG.				
H. L. Mauderson, c. Lacey, b. Jenkins	98			
P. Pestonji, c. Lacey, b. Brown	7			
L. E. Lamont, b. Brown	10			
A. Osman, b. Brown	21			
J. D. Noria, b. Jenkins	12			
J. D. Kinnaird, did not bat	—			
G. A. Hancock, c. Whitfield, b. Brown	6			
L. A. Rose, c. Lacey, b. Brown	7			
M. E. Asger, not out	2			
S. B. Baidwala, c. Lacey, b. Whitfield	12			
J. W. Stewart, did not bat	—			
Extras	7			

Total—113				
BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
Brown	18	2	49	5
Yow	9	2	31	1
Jenkins	7	—	28	2
Hall	1	—	1	—

TELEGRAPH V. R.E.S.
This League fixture was played on the Naval ground on Saturday and resulted in a win for the Telegraphs by 45 runs. For the winners Warburton and Shields batted well, contributing 27 and 22 respectively. Peake took 5 wickets for 12 and Shields 5 for 29. For R.E.'s over and Harris were batting well until a mis-hit by Power placed the ball in Young's hands, shortly afterwards Harris lifted one to cover point which

Lack held. Scores—				
TELEGRAPHS.				
Wood, b. McGregor	3			
Beattie, b. w. b. McGregor	27			
Warburton, c. and b. Walker	27			
Young, c. and b. McGregor	0			
Peake, c. and b. Milbank	0			
Franklin, a. Walbank	0			
Lock, c. and b. Walbank	0			
Smith, b. McGregor	22			
Shields, b. Walker	22			
Kempthorne, b. w. b. Walker	0			
Hone, not out	9			
Extras	1			

Total—94				
R.E.'s				
Denman, b. Peake	2			
Harrison, b. Shields	2			
Power, c. Young, b. Shields	24			
McGregor, b. Peake	0			
Smith, c. Laet, b. Peake	15			
Walbank, c. Franklin, b. Shields	0			
Smith, b. McGregor	0			
Fido, c. Warburton, b. Peake	0			
Tomney, b. Peake	4			
Walker, c. Baidwala, b. Shields	1			
Lovett, not out	1			
Extras	1			

Total—40				
BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
Peake	9	0	19	5
Shields	9	0	29	5

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB SPORTS.
On New Year's Day the Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club held their fourth annual children's sports gathering. Needless to say, it was well attended and greatly appreciated by the children. The weather was delightful and the cricket ground presented an attractive appearance, being circumscribed by various coloured flags. The object of the hosts was to usher in a happy new year for the children of the Colony, and a glance at the many smiling faces on the ground that day bore testimony to the success of their efforts. Towards the end of the sports His Excellency the Governor arrived, his appearance being announced by the 105th Mahtattas, which played selections of music during the afternoon, striking up a stanza of the National Anthem. Unfortunately, Lady Lugard who was to have presented the prizes, was, through indisposition, unable to attend. His Excellency informed the gathering of her Ladyship's sorrow at being unable to fulfil her obligations, but trusting that she would be with them on the succeeding year. The officials of the meeting were: Mr. H. N. Mody, president and chairman of the committee, Mr. L. Lightfoot, captain; Mr. J. P. Robinson, vice-president; Messrs. J. H. Mead, D. Harvey, D. Neilson, J. Cleveland, Smith, C. W. Jeffries, J. C. Menagh, T. Lee, hon. secretary, and F. P. Skiff, hon. treasurer. The officials were—Handicappers and Starters, Messrs. J. Clelland and J. P. Robinson; Judges, Messrs. F. P. Skiff, S. Smith and S. Lightfoot; Clerk of the course, Mr. J. H. Mead; Brain Tub, Mrs. G. Duncan; Refreshments, Messrs. Wm. Stewart, D. Harvey and D. Neilson.

The twenty-five events on the programme were keenly contested by the children, and the prizes presented to the winners were very handsome ones. The juveniles who were not successful in the sports found consolation in the Brain Tub. These prizes were free to all, and each child unearched from the brain a New Year's day memento.

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- Canton, den 30. Dezember 1908. [139]

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J. C. OWEN, Secretary.

Kowloon, 4th January, 1909. [140]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. [1]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

WE the Undersigned hereby beg to inform the Public that before any Agreement, Contract, Delivery Order, Receipt or other Important Document in connection with our Business can be Valid it must be Signed by Mr. Ho Jui and chopped with the chop of our Firm.

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Hongkong, 30th December, 1908. [1708]

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Hongkong, 28th November, 1908. [50]

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NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.

MR. EENST ARNDT, having retired from his Employment, CEASES to Sign our Firm per Procuration from This Date.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co. Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. [123]

NOTICE.

I have This Day established myself under the name of ARNDT & Co., with Offices at 38, Queen's Road Central and will carry on Business as General Importer.

ERNST ARNDT. Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. [129]

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. JOHANN THEODOR LAUTS in our Firm CEASES To-day.

LAUTS & HAESLOOP. Swatow, 31st December, 1908. [130]

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ADOLF CARL SCHOMBURG and Mr. WILHELM WIEDERHOLD in our Firm CEASES on the 31st December, 1908.

MR. CARL ROBERT LENZMANN has been Admitted a partner in our Firm from This Date.

CARLOWITZ & Co. China, Japan, Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. Hamburg, New York [131]

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility in our Firm of our late Mr. CARL GEORGE RICHARD BRODEBEN CEASES upon his death, which took place at Shanghai on the 2nd October last.

MR. HANS AUGUST SIEBS and Mr. EUGEN SIEBERT have This Day been Admitted as Partners in our Firm.

SIEMSEN & Co. Shanghai, Hongkong & China, 1st January, 1909. [132]

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

MR. PERCY TESTER has been appointed LOCAL MANAGER of the above Company's HONGKONG BRANCH from This Date.

W. H. TRENCHARD DAVIS, Manager for China. Shanghai, 1st January, 1909. [133]

INSURANCES

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CARLOWITZ & Co. Hongkong, 15th August 1906. [23]

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Hongkong, 31st December, 1908. [118]

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G. K. HAXTON, Manager. Hongkong 1st April, 1908. [148]

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

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Hongkong, 30th December, 1908. [5]

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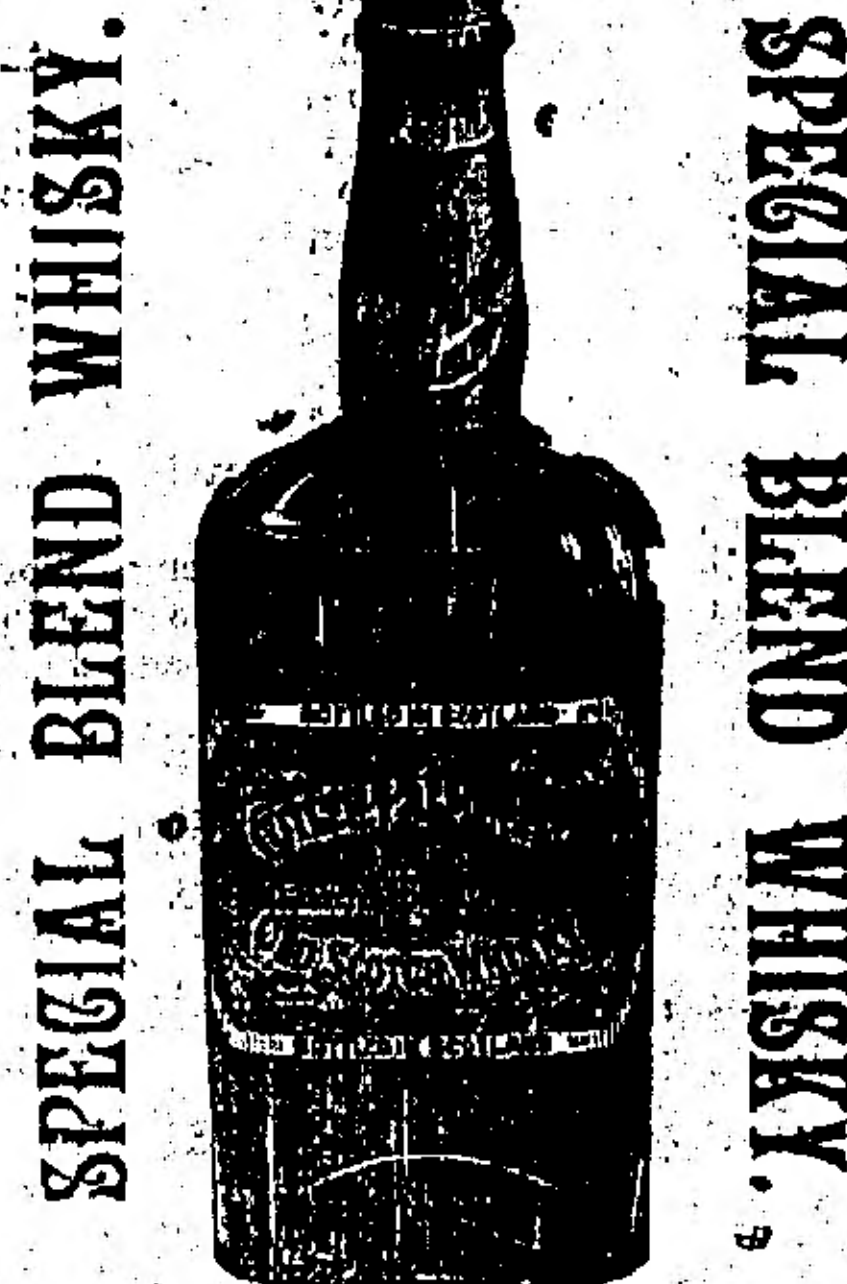
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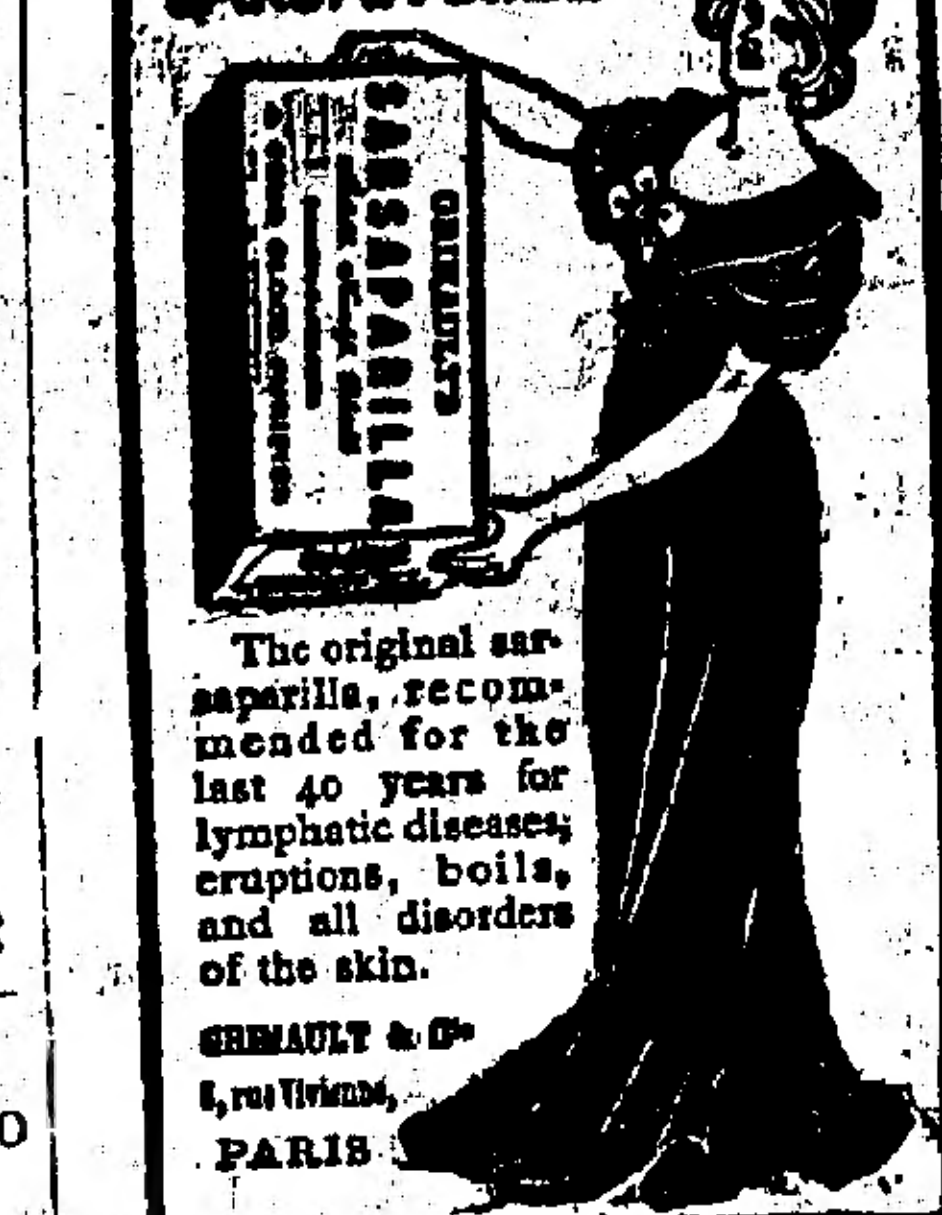
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SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

ELECTRIC POWER FROM THE EARTH—THE
PUSH OF SUNBEAMS—SUNKEN RIVERS
—A SAFE GUN—RADIUM AND EARTH
HISTORY—A SNAKE'S LEGS—A BAD HABIT
INVESTIGATED—THE STREAKS ON THE MOON
—HEART BEAT RECORDS.

Great local differences in the electricification of the earth are known to exist, and a German engineer suggests that with better knowledge it may be possible to make mining for electricity as profitable as digging for coal or metals. In experiments in two comparatively shallow borings, he has obtained weak currents between a small rod of brass or iron immersed in the water of the pit and a similar rod buried near the surface. He urges that contractors, mining companies and others take up the problem, and perform such experiments as testing the current between a 60-foot copper cylinder at the bottom of a boring of 3,000 feet or more and a similar cylinder buried in moist ground at the surface, also investigating the charges to be obtained from long iron pipes buried in the ground. It seems quite possible that means may be found for charging accumulators from earth currents, thus giving us a new source of power, light and heat.

The conclusion that light exerts pressure was reached by Clerk Maxwell 35 years ago, but many attempts to measure the pressure gave only doubtful results. It was at last shown by Lebedew that in the tropics the sun's rays have a pressure of about three pounds per square mile. The sun's attraction upon the earth is millions of times greater, but the attraction acts upon the mass while the total radiation pressure depends upon the surface exposed, so that when matter is reduced to fine dust the radiation pressure may exceed the attraction. Thus it is that the sun's rays push the nebulous tail of a comet away from the denser head.

The submarine bed of the French river Adour has been followed by Prof. Edward Hall, F.R.S., 50 miles out to sea and that of the Congo he has traced 100 miles into the ocean.

The electric gun, which shoots without powder or projectile and is already a popular penny-in-the-slot toy in Paris, is not designed for warfare or hunting, but serves well target practice. The gun, which may be of any kind, is mounted on a special stand, while the special target is placed 20 or 25 yards or more away. The target is perforated with 19 holes in concentric circles and four outside holes for stray shots, and behind each hole is an incandescent lamp in addition to a bell at the central hole. Each lamp is fed by a separate battery cell having a contact button in a horizontal plate in the base of the stand. When the gun points exactly to the bull's-eye, a needle projecting downward is over the central button, but as the gun's position is shifted the needle is moved over other buttons. On pressing the trigger the needle is forced downward, the contact so made lighting up the lamp aimed at. The recklessness with which these guns are "fired" in public places arouses the indignation of the uninitiated, and there is constant dodging to avoid the bullets supposed to be flying in the air.

Recognizing uranium as the grandparent of radium through the intermediate change to ionium, Prof. John Joly, in his British Association address, showed that the transformation has been so slow that the uranium on earth has diminished scarcely one per cent. in 100,000,000 years. Though the heaviest element known, most of the uranium is near the earth's surface. The radium is widely scattered, and the oceans prove to contain about 20,000 tons, derived from the uranium brought down by rivers during the geological ages. The heat from radium at present may be making good all that the earth is radiating into space. This implies a very long past and future earth-life, and supports geologists in their estimates that the world is much older than physicists have been willing to admit.

On dissecting a South American box constrictor, 134 feet long, Capt. Musgrave has been surprised to discover two rudimentary legs, only two inches long but having hip and knee joints hidden under what appeared to be two distorted scales.

Reading in bed, though a common practice, is not usually commended. The reasons for disapproval seem to have been not clearly understood, though it is known that with oil lamps there is serious risk of fire—an objection that cannot be raised when daylight or the modern electric light is used. Dr. Hugo Felsenfeld, of Berlin, has undertaken recently to determine, just how—if at all—the habit is harmful. Injury to the eyes proves to be the real danger. The light is often insufficient or in a position to dazzle, and the book is usually held too close and seldom so that both eyes are used equally. Myopia and other defects are thus caused or increased. Young persons, whose eyes are not fully developed, are especially liable to be affected, and it is urged that boys and girls under eighteen should never be permitted to read in bed. With increasing age, of course, the likelihood of inducing errors of refraction is lessened. Old and bed-ridden persons cannot well be denied the luxury of reading in bed, and for them the chance of harm can be made small by attention to the quality and position of the light.

The bright streaks radiating from centers on the moon—such as those from the craters Tycho and Copernicus—have perplexed astronomers. H. G. Tomkins, a British astronomer, suggests that the rays represent extensive incrustations of alkali left as the water evaporated from solutions, and he finds like incrustations in India, Persia and Africa. Radiations are produced on the sides of hills, the alkali deposits on the mountains of the Punjab, in India, being strikingly similar in form to the lunar streaks.

By means of an ingenious combination of the stethoscope, microphone, phonograph and galvanometer, a Dutch physiologist obtains a photographic record of the heart-beats. It is claimed that the photograph not only shows the skilled operator when the heart is unsound but tells him the disease.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erich Georg & Co. in their weekly share list, dated the 31st December, 1908, say: Since issue of our last report Christmas holidays have intervened, and this week but little business has been transacted. The sterling demand rate of exchange on London closes at 1s. 8½d., while rates on Shanghai are 1s. 7½d. for a Bank T/T, and 1s. 7½d. for a 3 days sight private draft, the rate in Shanghai on this for 3 days sight Private Bill being 1s. 7½d. Barsilver in London has advanced to 23½d., and consols are quoted £53½. The Bank of England's rate of discount is 2½ per cent., while the private rate of discount is 2½ per cent.

BANK SHARES.—A few Hongkong and Shanghai sold at 38½, but more shares are on offer; the London rate has advanced to 38½. Nationals are unchanged.

MARINE INSURANCE SHARES.—A few Unions sold at 83½, at which figure shares are on offer. North Hinas sold at 1s. 105 and continue in request. Cantons have sellers at 119½, while China Traders at 87½, and Yangtszes at 116½ are wanted.

FIRE INSURANCE SHARES.—Hongkong have been done at 32½, but shares are offering. Hinas are easier, and 310½ has been accepted.

SHIPPING SHARES.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have sellers at 32½. Indes are unchanged here, in Shanghai 1s. 37 has been accepted, while the London rates are £3 10s. for preference, and £1 1½s. for deferred shares. China and Manila are weak at 114. Douglases changed hands at 33½, and a few more shares can be placed at that figure. Star Ferries, as well as Waterboats show no change. Shell Transport have buyers at 47 shillings, the London rate having improved to 48 shillings.

REFINERIES.—A few China Sugars are for sale at 111½, and Luzons are weak with sellers at 31½.

Mining Shares.—Charbonnages are unchanged. Raubs have sellers at 83½. Chinese Engineering and Mining Co.'s shares are in demand at 1s. 17½.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.—There is nothing to report under this heading, except that Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves have been in some demand, resulting in sales at 354 to 343, and more shares can be placed. Shanghai Docks are quiet at 1s. 75.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—The only changes are: Kowloon Lands have sellers at 83½, and Hotels buyers at 84. No sales have been reported.

COTTON MILLS.—Shanghai quotes: Ewo's 1s. 76 buyers, Internationals 1s. 67½ buyers, Loon Kung Mows 1s. 75 sellers, and Sooyehs 1s. 285 buyers. Hongkong Cottons have buyers at 88 and sellers at 810.

SUNDY MANUFACTURING COMPANIES.—Hongkong Electric sold and have further enquiries at 118. Green Island Cements changed owners at 89.90 and 89.80 and have further sellers at 89.90. Tees are obtainable at 8220. Ropes fetched 824, but more shares are obtainable. Other stocks under this heading without sales and unchanged.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Providents sold at 116. In other stocks under this heading nothing has been done and rates are the same as reported last.

BURMA RICE CROP.

CHEERFUL FORECAST.

The summary of the forecast of the rice crop for November issued by the Department of Land Records says: "The area under rice cultivation in fifteen principal rice producing districts is now reported to be 7,559,655 acres, an increase of 307,627 acres over last year's actuals. The total fallow area is 443,391 acres, and this area destroyed by floods—22,953 acres—is smaller than usual. Rain was unusually heavy and continuous in November, and storms damaged the standing rice crop in Arakan Division. Elsewhere rain seems to have done little harm. The harvesting of the winter rice crop is now commencing under normal conditions, and prospects are excellent. The provincial estimate is 99. This is four points higher than last year, when the estimate was now reduced to 95 by the revision of last year's figures in several districts. The surplus available for export last year was estimated at 2,486,000 tons of cargo rice, but revision of district average and return reduces the amount to about 2,450,000 tons of cargo rice. This year the surplus is estimated at 2,600,000 tons of cargo rice, equivalent to 45,536,723 cwt. of clean rice."

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SHANGHAI	"WAISHING"	Wed'day, 6th Jan., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE & SAMARANG	"CHUNSHANG"	Friday, 8th Jan., 4 P.M.
MOI & KOBE	"ONSANG"	Sunday, 10th Jan., Daylight
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOI	"FOOKSANG"	Monday, 11th Jan., Noon
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KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	TANGO MARU	7463	TUESDAY, 19th Jan., 09 at Noon
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	KUMANO MARU	5076	FRIDAY, 22nd Jan., 09 at Noon
	YAWATA MARU	3817	FRIDAY, 19th Feb., 09 at Noon
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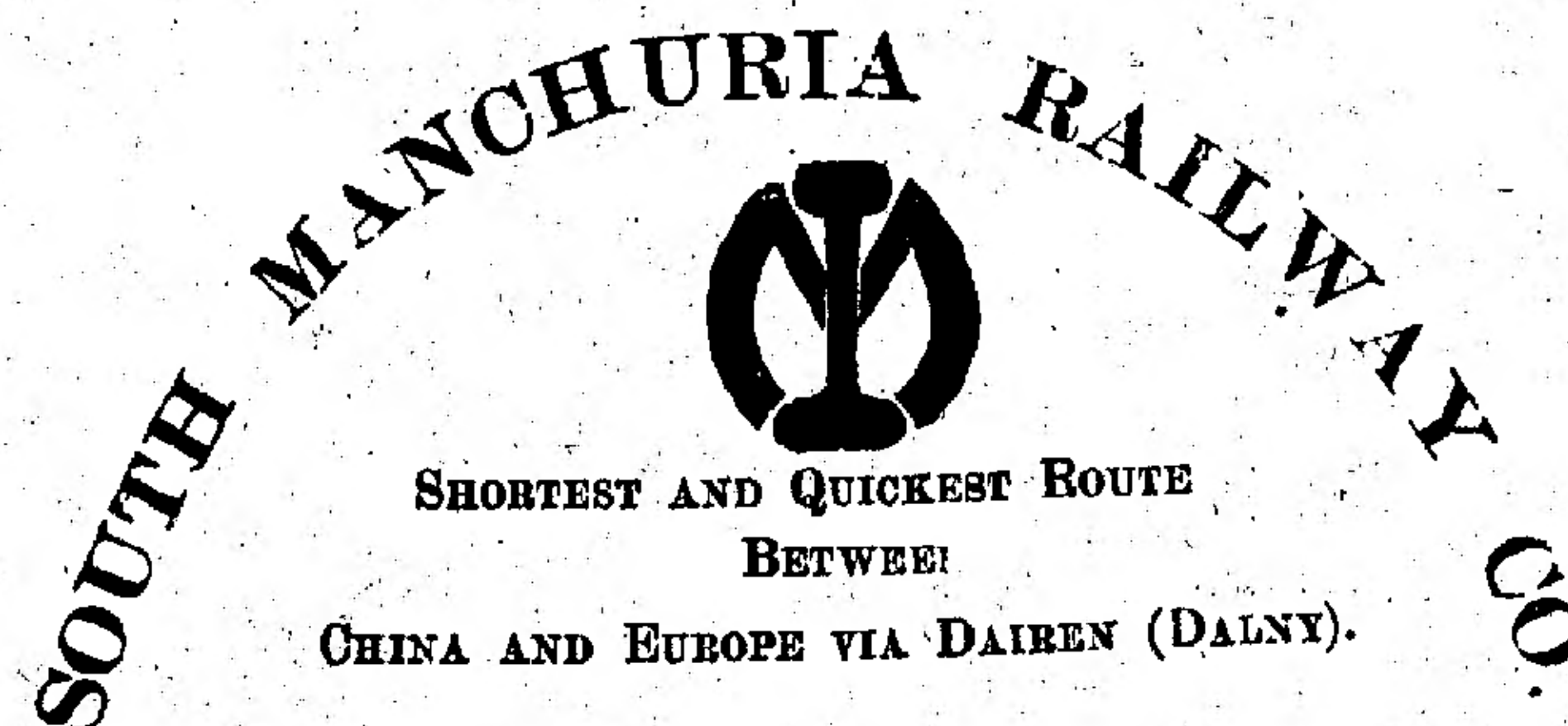
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Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dally and Siberia.

8th January ... at 10.00 a.m.
14th January ... at 8.30 p.m.
22nd January ... at 8.00 a.m.

Postal Guide for 1909 is now ready. Price 50 cents each.

The Sydney, with the French mail of the 4th December, left Saigon on Friday, the 1st inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here to-day. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 31st October.

The Delhi, with the English mail of the 11th December, left Singapore on Friday, the 1st inst., at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 6th instant at 5 p.m. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 18th Nov., and the parcel mails closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 2nd December, and for despatch overland on the 9th December.

FOR	PER	DATE
Shanghai	Waiting	Monday, 4th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow	Sui Tai	Monday, 4th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai	Choyang	Tuesday, 5th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, and Seattle	Shinano Maru	Tuesday, 5th, 10.00 A.M.
EUROPE & INDIA VIA TATTOORIN		
(Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to Noon Extra Postage 10 cents)		
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)		
Macao	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 5th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Catherine Apoor	Tuesday, 5th, 2.00 P.M.
Manila	Tameng	Tuesday, 5th, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore	Antiochus	Tuesday, 5th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore	Antiochus	Tuesday, 5th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Sado Maru	Tuesday, 5th, 3.00 P.M.
Port Darwin, Thursday Is., Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Newcastle, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	Empire	Wednesday, 6th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Wednesday, 6th, 1.15 P.M.
Bangkok	Rajah	Thursday, 7th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore	Indragudi	Thursday, 7th, 1.15 P.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Friday, 8th, 1.15 P.M.
Singapore and Samarang	Chunyang	Friday, 8th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama & Seattle	Minnesota	Saturday, 9th, 10.00 A.M.
Manila	Rubi	Saturday, 9th, 10.00 A.M.
EUROPE & INDIA VIA TATTOORIN		
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Macao	Sui Tai	Saturday, 9th, 1.15 P.M.
Moji and Kobe	Onseng	Saturday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe and Moji	Teoheng	Monday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Teoheng	Tuesday, 12th, 2.00 P.M.
Kobe and Yokohama	Awa Maru	Tuesday, 12th, 5.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Kuisang	Friday, 15th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Yuenang	Friday, 15th, 5.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, MANILA AND YACOVIA (B.C.)	Empress of Japan	Friday, 15th, 8.00 P.M.
(Supplementary mail will be closed on board at 6.30 a.m., extra fee 10 cents.)		

COMMERCIAL

EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATION.

ON LONDON	December 31st
Telegraphic Transfer	1/83
Bank Bills, on demand	1/83
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/83
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/83
Credits, at 4 months' sight	1/83
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/83

ON PARIS	December 31st
Bank Bills, on demand	217
Credits, at 4 months' sight	222

ON NEW YORK	December 31st
Bank Bills, on demand	421
Credits, at 60 days' sight	438

ON BOMBAY	December 31st
Telegraphic Transfer	130
Bank, on demand	130

ON CALCUTTA	December 31st
Telegraphic Transfer	130
Bank, on demand	130

ON SHANGHAI	December 31st
Bank, at sight	75
Private, 30 days' sight	75

ON YOKOHAMA	December 31st
On demand	84

ON MANILA	December 31st
On demand	85

ON SINGAPORE	December 31st
On demand	74

ON HONGKONG	December 31st
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SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 31st, 1908.

STOCKS	NO. OF SHARES	VALUE	PAID UP	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH
BANKS				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$845, sal. & sal.
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	27	26	\$22.10
MARINE INSURANCES				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$260	850	\$195, sellers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83.33	825	\$874, buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	215	85	Tls. 105, sal. & b.
Union Insurance Society, Limited	10,000	\$280	810	\$335, sal. & sal.
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	850	\$167
FIRE INSURANCES				
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	20	\$106, sales
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	50	\$325, sales & sal.
DOCKS, ETC.				
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Limited	50,000	\$50	all	\$90, sellers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	825	\$12, sellers
Now Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	86	85	\$9, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 75
STEAMSHIPS, TUGS, ETC.				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Limited	30,000	\$25	825	\$14, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$33, sales
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	115	\$294, sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000	25	all	\$37, sellers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	810	\$1, buyers
Shanghai Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	\$1	81	\$47, buyers
Taipei Tug and Lighter Co., Limited	8,600	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 45
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co., Limited	200,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 45
Do.	100,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 51
REFINERIES				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$112, sellers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$18, sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Limited	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 85
WHARVES				
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.	60,000	\$50	all	\$45, buyers
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co.	32,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 140
LANDS AND BUILDINGS				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	100	\$92, sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 120
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	\$50	850	\$33, sellers
Wei-hai-wei Land and Building Co.	3,674	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	Tls. 9
Humphreys Estate and Finance Co.	150,000	\$10	all	\$94, sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	850	\$46, sellers
TRAMWAYS				
The Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$14
Do.	50,000	\$10	81	\$2
MINING				
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	18,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$590, buyers
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Limited	200,000	41	18/10	\$84, sellers
ROTTIES, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$84, buyers
Astor House Hotel Co., Limited (Shanghai)	30,000	\$25	825	\$164
DISPENSARIES				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	110	\$91, buyers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	110	\$2, buyers
LIGHTING				
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	all	\$200
Shanghai Gas Company, Limited	8,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 118
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	110	\$18, sal. & buy.
MISCELLANEOUS				
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	100	\$930, sellers
Hongkong Milling Co., Ltd. (in Liquidation)	10,000	\$100	100	Nominal
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	3,694	\$12/6	12/6	\$6, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,000 ordy.	\$10	84	\$124
Union Waterfront Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	110	\$10, buyers
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited	25,000	\$75	86	\$224, sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	all	\$220, sellers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	\$50	850	\$59, sellers
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Limited	16,500	\$20	220	Tls. 437
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$24, sal. & sal.
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	125,000	\$10	110	\$9, buyers
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 76, buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 67
Loan Kung Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 75
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	2,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 28
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	110	\$10, sales
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	112	\$11, sellers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$9, buyers
Wm. Powell, Limited	3,000	\$7	87	\$4, sellers
South China Morning Post	6,000	\$25	825	\$24
China Light and Power Company	50,000	\$10	81	\$54, sellers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	85	\$5, sellers
Weissmann, Limited	175	\$100	100	\$150
ORGAN COMPANIES				
Philippine Co., Limited	67,500	\$10	110	\$8, sellers
Alhambra, Limited	300	\$500	50	Nominal